

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLUMAS, LASSEN, MODOC AND SIERRA,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, HELD IN QUINCY ON APRIL 29, 2008**

INTRODUCTIONS

Plumas County Chairperson Rose Comstock called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Plumas County Supervisors William Powers, Sharon Thrall, Robert Meacher, Ole Olsen; Lassen County Supervisors Robert Pyle, Jim Chapman, Lloyd Keefer, Brian Dahle, Jack Hanson; Modoc County Supervisors Daniel Macsay, Patricia Cantrall, Loren Crabtree, David Bradshaw; and Sierra County Supervisors Arnold Gutman, Peter Huebner, Bill Nunes, Pat Whitley present.

The four counties come together to receive information, coordinate efforts and to address any urgency matters facing the four counties.

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Kelly Stane offers the invocation and Supervisor Rose Comstock leads the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

John Sheehan gives an informational announcement in regard to wireline broadband availability (Northern Sierra) and upcoming workshops.

Supervisor Powers announces opposition by CSAC and RCRC in regard to AB 2860-Williamson Act.

I. REGIONAL FOREST AND FIRE ISSUES – Discussion, possible action and/or direction to staff

Panel I. - **Regional progress toward healthy forests and rural economies**

Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group status report - Frank Stewart, QLG Counties Forester

Dr. Norm Johnson, Professor, College of Forestry at Oregon State University

Dr. Jerry Franklin, Professor of Ecosystem Sciences, College of Forestry Resources at University of WA

Powerpoint presentation by Frank Stewart, QLG Counties Forester regarding accomplishments and ongoing projects of the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group.

Presentation by Dr. K. Norman Johnson and Dr. Jerry F. Franklin regarding forest restoration and hazardous fuels reduction efforts in the forests of the Pacific Northwest.

Panel II. – **Lessons from Angora - Intergovernmental and cross jurisdictional collaboration to prevent wildfire**

Roundtable discussion: Quad Counties, CAL-Fire and US Forest Service Representatives

Various representatives from CAL-Fire and the US Forest Service are present for a roundtable discussion regarding collaboration to prevent wildfire.

Supervisor Jim Chapman, Lassen County, believes that the level of importance is not being recognized by CAL-Fire and the US Forest Service. The Agencies involved seem to be more concerned about the aesthetics and other minor issues compared to the big issue “wildfire”.

Resolution regarding State of Emergency Related to Extreme Wildfire

Discussion and consideration of a Resolution, declaring a State of Emergency related to the extreme wildfire risk on the Plumas, Lassen, Modoc and Tahoe National Forests and declaring these Forests in a State of Emergency within the boundaries of Plumas, Lassen, Sierra and Modoc Counties.

On September 18, 2007, Plumas County adopted Resolution No. 07-7411 declaring a state of emergency related to extreme wildfire. Following discussion, there is consensus that each Board will consider adopting a resolution in regard to this matter.

Supervisor Brian Dahle, Lassen County, believes the message needs to be countywide and not specific. The resolution adopted by Plumas County is specific to the Plumas National Forest which the Board of Supervisors has no jurisdiction over. Supervisor Dahle believes the message needs to be delivered to the Governor as a state of emergency.

There is concurrence and the four counties agree to establish a task force to deliver the message declaring a state of emergency related to the extreme wildfire risk to the Governor prior to the high fire season.

NOON RECESS

II. REGIONAL WATER/WASTEWATER ISSUES– Discussion, possible action and/or direction to staff

Panel I. - Regional Collaboration and Planning for the Future

- **Integrated Regional Water Management Program and opportunities for Regional Collaboration – Brian Morris, Plumas County Flood Control District**

Presentation by Brian Morris, Plumas County Flood Control District regarding “Planning to Plan” for regional coordination on water and forest management. The goal is to identify appropriate “regional” issues and develop a framework for ongoing coordination and cooperation at the local government level. The purpose of Integrated Regional Water Management is to encourage local agencies to work cooperatively to manage their available local and imported water supplies to improve the quality, quantity, and reliability of those supplies.

- **Upper Feather River Watershed Group (Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program/Ag Waiver) – Sierra County**

Powerpoint presentation by Holly George, Plumas County Farm Advisor, regarding Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program/Ag Waiver.

Supervisor Brooks Mitchell, Sierra County, believes the four counties need to coordinate their efforts to find a solution to the Regulatory Program/Ag Waiver.

Panel II. - Preparing for AB885 implementation – Quad County Regional Partnership

Septage Working Group(s) Plumas and Lassen – Jerry Sipe, Plumas County Environmental Health Joint/regional federal program – Greg Wang, The Ferguson Group

Presentation by Jerry Sipe, Plumas County Environmental Health and discussion regarding regional solutions to solid waste issues.

III. SOLID WASTE ISSUES - Discussion, possible action and/or direction to staff

Brief discussion regarding collaborative efforts between Plumas and Sierra County on solid waste disposal issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Rose Comstock thanks all Board members and presenters for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

I, NANCY L. DAFORNO, CLERK OF THE BOARD DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES OF SAID MEETING OF THE PLUMAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON APRIL 29, 2008 ARE CORRECT AS RECORDED.

Nancy L. DaForno, Clerk of the Board